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## FRENCH FORCES IN SERBIA THREATENED BY THE TEUTONS

ENVELOPING MOVEMENT BY TROOPS OF CENTRAL POWERS PLACES FRENCH TROOPS IN PRECARIOUS SITUATION IN SOUTHEASTERN SERBIA.

Constant Arrival of French Forces and War Material at Saloniki Indicates Entente Allies Have No Intention of Abandoning Their Efforts in that Region—Montenegrins Continue Vigorous Resistance of Austro-Bulgarian Troops on Montenegrin Frontier and Sharp Counter Attacks are Frequent There—French Said to be Bringing up Their Heavy Guns in Strumitza Section, Causing Bulgarians to Retire with Heavy Losses, and Indications are that Big Battle Will be Fought in that Region—Distrust by Bulgaria and Turkey of Each Other is Increasing—Germans Claim Capture of French Positions in Champagne, and French Claim Recapture of Lost Ground.

London, Dec. 8.—There has been no confirmation today of the hints that the French had been forced to abandon their positions on the Cardar and Cerna in southeastern Serbia, but it is admitted that they are in a precarious position because of the threatened envelopment in the angle of these two rivers.

The constant arrival of fresh forces and war materials at Saloniki indicate, however, that the allies have no intention of abandoning their efforts in that region.

The Montenegrins continue their stubborn resistance to the Austrians and Bulgarians on the Montenegrin frontier and sharp counter attacks are frequent.

The latest dispatches state, that the French are bringing up their heavy guns in the Strumitza section, causing the Bulgarians to retire with heavy losses. A big battle appears impending there.

A Saloniki dispatch states that the weather conditions in the Balkans have improved. Also, that the complications threatened between Bulgaria and Turkey, due to the distrust of each other, are increasing.

The Germans report the capture of five hundred yards of French positions near Souain, Champagne, and the French claim they have recaptured a portion of their advanced trench taken by the Germans yesterday.

### Eighty Germans Killed

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—Fort Congee, one of the most important of the old defenses of Namur, Belgium, has been destroyed by an explosion and eighty German soldiers killed, according to Belgian newspapers.

### British Reinforcements.

London, Dec. 8.—British reinforcements are arriving at the Mesopotamia front, according to a statement in the house of commons today by Austin Chamberlain, secretary for India.

### Seeking Separate Peace.

Berlin, Dec. 8.—The Overseas Agency says Montenegro has expressed a desire for separate peace, but the allies have threatened to break off diplomatic relations and cease the assistance accorded to Montenegro.

### Big Battles Seem Near.

London, Dec. 8.—Important battles have begun or are impending in Mesopotamia, where the German field Marshal, Baron von der Goltz, has taken command of the Turkish forces and is about to attack the British at Kut-el-Amara; in southeastern Serbia, where the Bulgarians already have attacked the Anglo-French position and have been repulsed; on Gallipoli, where, according to Turkish accounts, the allies have taken the offensive, and in Belgium and

WEATHER FORECAST  
New Orleans, La., Dec. 8.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is fair and colder. Thursday fair.

City Commissioners Meet.  
At the regular meeting of the Board of City Commissioners last night little was done, aside from routine business.

The city attorney and Commissioners DeWitt and Lasher were instructed to go to Oklahoma City today to attend the telephone hearing before the corporation commissioners tomorrow. The question raised is that of bad service in this city, and other minor matters that the commission will be asked to adjust.

Mayor Mullen left today to attend the meeting of the Municipal League, which convenes in Oklahoma City tomorrow. This meeting will be attended by mayors from all over the state, and matters pertaining to municipal matters will be discussed.

## LOVE COUNTY WANTS TO GET JOHN ALLEN

DEFENDANT WANTED FOR MURDER NOW IN COUNTY JAIL HERE — DOES NOT WANT TO BE TAKEN BACK THERE.

Love county officials are in the city today with a mass of affidavits which they will present to the court asking that John Allen, now in the county jail here, and wanted in Love county for murder, be surrendered to them and taken back to Love county, where the crime was committed, for trial.

County Attorney Hardy stated that he is willing, so far as he is concerned, for the man to be taken back, but Allen does not want to go, fearing violence, and his attorney will combat any effort to that end.

It has been intimated that Allen would be harshly dealt with if he were taken back to Marietta, as the feeling against him around Oswalt, where the crime was committed, is very bitter, and it is also reported that citizens of that community would not hesitate to lynch him if they got the opportunity.

It is alleged that Allen and another man held up a number of poker players and robbed them, and as the victim, Rowland, started to run, he was shot in the back by Allen and fatally injured. The shooting took place one week ago last Sunday.

### MASONS AGAINST PROFANITY.

Habitual User of Profane Language Disqualified from Honors.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 8.—The Texas grand lodge of Masons today adopted a resolution disqualifying for Masonic honors persons who habitually use profane language.

## COURT NAMES RECEIVER IN BIG OIL CASE

SUIT FILED BY PROBATE ATTORNEY INVOLVING VALUABLE OIL LAND IN HEALDTON FIELD — RECEIVER WILL TAKE CHARGE.

Yesterday Judge Freeman appointed Thomas Norman as receiver of the Louise Wesley property, involving some of the most valuable oil lands in the heart of the Healdton field. The receiver was appointed pending the hearing of the suit, which will be heard in district court January 7.

The defendants in the case, W. H. Thompson et al., are residents of McCurtain county, and the probate attorney for the Indians alleges in his petition that the lease was obtained through fraudulent methods.

This suit will be watched with a great deal of interest, as there is not a man engaged in the oil game but what marveled at the terms of the contract made between the plaintiff and defendant.

## NO SESSION OF CONGRESS HELD TODAY

ADJOURNMENT TAKEN UNTIL FRIDAY TO COMPLETE ORGANIZATION OF THE COMMITTEES — NO FIGHT FOR DEFENSE.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Congress was not in session today, adjournment having been taken until Friday in order to complete the organization of the committees.

No Fight on Defense.  
Washington, Dec. 8.—The senate republicans will make no partisan fight on the national defense program, if it is not framed by a democratic caucus, republican Leader Gallinger told President Wilson today. He said the republicans wanted to strengthen the army and navy and were willing to co-operate with the democrats. Wilson is understood to have replied that he would not approve the democratic caucus making the defense plans.

## A SHOOTING AFFRAY NORTH OF THE CITY

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN SERIOUSLY WOUNDED BY INDIAN WHO WAS LIVING ON AN ADJOINING FARM.

Byrd Pruitt, a well known citizen of this county, was shot and seriously wounded late yesterday afternoon at his place northeast of the city, by Jim Stribbling, an Indian about 25 years of age.

The shooting, it is alleged, is the result of an old grudge that has been existing in that neighborhood for years. Mr. Pruitt was taken to the Hardy sanitarium for treatment, while the officers are pursuing Stribbling, who took to the woods as soon as the shooting occurred.

Pruitt was shot with an automatic pistol, the bullet entering the left shoulder, ranging downwards through the body, penetrating both lungs, emerged under the right arm and lodged in the upper right arm near the elbow.

The particulars of the shooting are not at present known, as Pruitt is not permitted to do much talking. He was resting as well as could be expected under the circumstances this morning, but his wound is considered dangerous and the outcome uncertain. The officers are after Stribbling, and no doubt he will be apprehended today.

## AMERICAN OIL BOAT SAFE AT ALEXANDRIA

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP REPORTED SUNK BY SUBMARINE ARRIVED AT ALEXANDRIA MONDAY.

London, Dec. 8.—An Alexandria, Egypt, telegram says the American steamship Communiapaw, which was reported to have been sunk off the Tripoli coast by a submarine, arrived at Alexandria Monday.

It is believed here that there is confusion over the identity of the vessel torpedoed, as the Communiapaw was due to leave Alexandria on Tuesday for New York.

## COUNTY CAN NOW OPERATE ON CASH BASIS

THOSE HOLDING JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE COUNTY WILL NOW BE ABLE TO COLLECT ON THEIR WARRANTS.

Last night the funding bonds issued by the county to cover the judgments outstanding against the county, were signed, and in a few days the money will be available, and those who for many years have held these warrants, will be able to realize the cash and interest on them.

\$30,000 was the amount of the bond issue, which are 25-year five per cent bonds, and sold for 104. The bond people bore the entire expense of the issue, such as all legal matters, etc.

The commissioners stated this morning that they considered the sale a good one and it would give Carter county a chance to do business on a cash basis in the future. The county commissioners will finish their work and adjourn for the term today.

## CONDEMNED NEGRO NOW IN DEATH CELL

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 7.—Henry Bookman, the McIntosh county negro who is sentenced to be electrocuted here Friday, was removed Tuesday from the west cell wing to a death cell in the basement of the prison, from which he will be taken to the electric chair Friday morning. So violently did the prisoner resist the change of cells that it required the strength of four negro convicts to remove him. Bookman was more quiet after a half hour's rest, and although still refusing to talk, Tuesday night showed more signs of rationality than he has since the criminal court of appeals affirmed the judgment of the trial court.

## WILL CONDUCT NIGHT SCHOOLS IN THE CITY

VOLUNTEER TEACHERS WILL GIVE INSTRUCTION TO ADULTS TWO NIGHTS EACH WEEK, BEGINNING AFTER HOLIDAYS.

Owing to the fact that there are 1,517 adults in Carter county who can neither read nor write, and owing to the fact that 607 of this number are voters, several teachers of the city have volunteered to teach night schools two nights in each week, and the school board, at its meeting yesterday, tendered the use of the schools of the city for that purpose. The schools will open immediately after the holidays, and all who desire may make arrangements, through the superintendent, to enter.

It is reported that a majority of the illiterates live in the country, but the city is not free of them, and for the benefit of those who desire, the night schools will be conducted and they will be given an opportunity of gaining some education, enough, at least, to enable them to read and write, thereby becoming better citizens.

Superintendent Richards is very enthusiastic over the idea, and believes it will be a big success, and that the enrollment will exceed the expectations of the volunteer teachers.

### Oil Man Robbed.

Tulsa, Dec. 7.—M. S. Musselman, a prominent oil man from Muskogee, was robbed of \$2,000 in the Wistaria rooming house here early Sunday morning by a masked man who came to his room. He identified Ernest Rowan, now under arrest. Several others suspected to complicity are kept under surveillance.

## LUNCHEON TOMORROW AT GEM CAFE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL INAUGURATE FIRST OF A SERIES OF NOONDAY LUNCHEONS TOMORROW.

The first noonday luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce will take place tomorrow noon at the Gem cafe, and from present indications, will be a big success. The committee on arrangements has everything in readiness and Mr. Shuman says the "cats" will be up to the high standard of that popular cafe. The committees appointed to investigate the pipe line and the road to the oil fields will report their findings and an estimate will also be given of the cost of constructing this highway.

Short addresses will be made by members and a general get-together movement will be inaugurated that will do much toward making the city go forward.

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## GINNINGS UNDER AVERAGE

SIXTH GINNING REPORT ISSUED TODAY SHOWS LESS THAN TEN MILLION BALES GINNED.

## OKLAHOMA IS LOW

Ginnings in This State Less Than Half of Ginnings to Similar Period Last Year—All Below Average for Ten Years.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The sixth cotton ginning report of the season, compiled from reports of census bureau correspondents and agents throughout the cotton belt and issued at 10 a. m., today, announced that 9,711,453 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, of the growth of 1915, has been ginned prior to December 1. That compares with 13,973,386 bales, or 82.2 per cent of the entire crop, ginned prior to December 1, last year, 12,688,412 bales, or 86.5 per cent in 1913, and 11,854,541 bales, or 87.9 per cent in 1912. The average quantity of cotton ginned prior to December 1 in the last ten years was 10,691,933 bales, or 83.4 per cent of the crop.

Included in the ginnings were 93,361 round bales, compared with 39,682 last year, 86,878, in 1913, and 73,930, in 1912.

Sea Island cotton included numbered 77,161 bales compared with 63,024 last year, 61,049 in 1913, and 51,275, in 1912.

Ginnings prior to December 1, by states, with comparisons for the last three years prior to that date in the same years, follow:

Alabama—1915, 940,046; 1914, 1,439,556; 1913, 1,365,246; 1912, 1,161,482.

Arkansas—1915, 655,304; 1914, 840,295; 1913, 789,937; 1912, 659,505.

Florida—1915, 50,230; 1914, 72,962; 1913, 58,485; 1912, 48,630.

Georgia—1915, 1,768,366; 1914, 2,285,924; 1913, 2,006,109; 1912, 1,564,428.

Louisiana—1915, 319,849; 1914, 382,093; 1913, 342,383; 1912, 343,323.

Mississippi—1915, 802,010; 1914, 987,931; 1913, 955,808; 1912, 817,707.

North Carolina—1915, 612,117; 1914, 674,340; 1913, 622,369; 1912, 754,569.

Oklahoma—1915, 445,680; 1914, 1,018,796; 1913, 764,295; 1912, 869,278.

South Carolina—1915, 1,032,435; 1914, 1,230,168; 1913, 1,160,725; 1912, 1,041,689.

Tennessee—1915, 238,824; 1914, 291,183; 1913, 304,467; 1912, 208,721.

Texas—1915, 2,777,581; 1914, 3,746,578; 1913, 3,572,105; 1912, 4,314,821.

All Other States—1915, 69,011; 1914, 82,179; 1913, 66,944; 1912, 56,789.

Ginnings of Sea Island cotton prior to December 1, by states:

Florida—1915, 24,910; 1914, 27,531; 1913, 22,207; 1912, 17,826.

Georgia—1915, 48,877; 1914, 33,091; 1913, 34,346; 1912, 29,756.

South Carolina—1915, 3,374; 1914, 2,402; 1913, 4,496; 1912, 3,693.

The next ginning report of the census bureau will be issued at 10 a. m., Monday, December 20, and will show the quantity of cotton ginned prior to December 13.

One of the Oklahoma dailies has a red-headed bookkeeper, and a young woman, at that. In a write-up of the plant and of its employees, she was called the "maid of the unkissed hair," when evidently the reporter meant to say "maid of the sun-kissed hair."



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